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**Office Action Summary**

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,6-19 and 21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,6-19 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 0306.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 03/30/2006 has been entered.
2. Claims 1-4, 6-19 and 21 are pending, and claims 5 and 20 have been cancelled.

### ***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments, see the Remarks, filed 3/30/2006, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-4, 6-19 and 21 under 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Granneman et al. (US 5,268,827).

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-10, 13-15, 18 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gaukel (US 6,100,806) in view of Granneman et al. (US 5,268,827).  
Re claims 1, 6-7, 9 and 21: Gaukel discloses a receptacle system (30) for powering an electronic device (32 in Fig. 4), the system comprising; a receptacle having an interior compartment;

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interfacing means (col. 14, lines 4-7) for interfacing with the electronic device (32); processing mean (36) on the receptacle for processing signals from the electronic device (32) received through the interfacing means and powering means (38 and 58) mounted on the receptacle for powering the electronic device. Further, Gaukel discloses a lamp (82) and alarm means (col. 15, lines 52-53) that emits an audible sound. Gaukel does not disclose illuminating means for illuminating the interior compartment of the receptacle. However, illumination interior compartment of receptacles such a bag or a briefcase has been known in the art of illumination at the time of the invention, and Granneman shows a handbag having an illuminating means for illuminating the interior compartment of the handbag (col. 2, lines 12-25). Although Gaukel does not teach the lamp (82) is illuminating the interior compartment of the receptacle, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to substitute Granneman's illumination means with Gaukel's lamp in order to illuminate the interior compartment of Gaukel's receptacle.

Re claims 2-4 and 18: Gaukel discloses a rechargeable battery and a battery charger (col. 15, lines 59-61).

Re claim 10: Gaukel discloses a microphone (23 in Fig. 7).

Re claims 13-15: Gaukel discloses an antenna (35), a GPS system (32) and telecommunication means (34).

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person

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having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 8 and 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gaukel as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Miyashita (US 6,226,536 B1).

Re claims 8 and 16-17: Gaukel does not disclose a silent alarm such as a vibrator. However, Miyashita teaches a vibrator(29 in Fig. 2) in a mobile phone. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ a vibrator into Gaukel's cellular phone (34) as taught by Miyashita in order to give silent alarm to the user.

7. Claim 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gaukel as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Leibowitz (US 6,132,059).

Re claim 11-12: Gaukel does not disclose a display screen. Leibowitz teaches a display screen (30 in Fig. 1) mounted on the receptacle. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Gaukel's receptacle to include Leibowitz' display in order to display the signal from the GPS.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

8. Claim 19 is allowed.

9. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: With regard to claim 19, applicant has incorporated allowable subject matter as indicated in the previous Office Action. Therefore, Claim 19 is patentable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

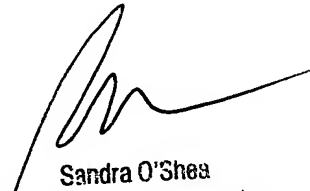
***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Guiyoung Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-2374. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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